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1. TALKING TO NEWSMEN AT AIRPORT ON RETURN FROM NEW YORK
AND LONDON YESTERDAY, MEA COMMISSIONER GARBA SAID NIGERIA
DOES NOT FORESEE AT THIS STAGE ANY POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT
ITS TROOPS IN ANGOLA. SERIOUS CONSIDERATION WOULD BE
GIVEN TO ANY REQUEST FROM THAT COUNTRY, HOWEVER, NIGERIA,
HE CONTINUED, HAS MORAL OBLIGATION GIVE AID TO ALL EMERGENT
AFRICAN STATES.

2. COMMENT. GARBA'S ASSERTION FMG HAS NO PRESENT PLANS
SNED TROOPS ANGOLA SQUARES WITH WHAT WE HAVE HEARD FROM
LOCAL MILITARY SOURCES. FUTHER, THIS IMPLICATION THAT
FMG WOULD CONSIDER SENDING TROOPS TO ANGOLA IF MPLA REQUESTED
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ASSISTANCE APPEARS TO US REPRESENT MORE PUBLIC

REITERATION CONTINUED NIGERIAN SUPPORT FOR MPLA RATHER
THAN STATEMENT OF AN OPTION ACTUALLY OPEN TO FMG. FMG DOES
NOT RPT NOT HAVE CAPABILITY ON ITS OWN TO TRNASPORT AND
SUPPLY SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS OF TROOPS ANGOLA.
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